

SUDBURY SELECT BOARD

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023

(Meeting can be viewed at www.sudburytv.org)

Present: Chair Charles Russo, Vice-Chair Janie Dretler, Select Board Member Daniel Carty, Select Board Member Lisa Kouchakdjian, Select Board Member Jennifer Roberts, Town Manager Andrew Sheehan, Assistant Town Manager/HR Director Maryanne Bilodeau

The statutory requirements as to notice having been compiled with, the meeting was convened at 7:00 PM via Zoom telecommunication mode.

Chair Russo announced the recording of the meeting and other procedural aspects included in the meeting.

Call to Order/Roll Call

Select Board Roll Call: Carty-present, Kouchakdjian-present, Roberts-present, Dretler-present, Russo-present

Opening Remarks by Chair

- Announced a number of Town committee positions open; referred to Town website

Reports from Town Manager

- Thanked community and staff for warm welcome
- Town Manager Office Hours scheduled for Thursday, February 16th, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM; and Thursday, March 2, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM - meeting locations will be announced soon

Reports from Select Board

Vice-Chair Dretler

- Announced “Gun Violence in America,” community forum sponsored by the Bedford Board of Health to be held on March 1st at the Bedford High School Auditorium from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- The White Ribbon Group of the Sudbury-Wayland-Lincoln Domestic Violence Round Table and REACH Beyond Domestic Violence will present “Watching Dad: What we learn from our fathers about being parents and partners,” on Monday, March 20, at Goodnow Library, 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM

Board Member Carty stated he had nothing to add.

Board Member Roberts

- Thanked Staff and everyone involved for an informative Capital Night joint meeting with FinCom and CIAC
- Great to see Town Manager Sheehan at his second official Select Board meeting and happy to see Assistant Town Manager Bilodeau here as well

- Will be attending the SPS Budget hearing this evening after this meeting adjourns

Board Member Kouchakdjian

- Announced that she and Vice-Chair Dretler will be hosting the Select Board Office Hours tomorrow at 12:00 PM, via Zoom

Public Comment

None

Per Select Board Ballot Question Policy, discussion and vote to designate authors of Pro and Con arguments for the March 27, 2023 Annual Town Election Ballot Questions. If no arguments are received, Town Counsel shall prepare the arguments.

Chair Russo confirmed that a placeholder was being held for item #2. He stated that item #2 to designate Pro and Con arguments for the March 27, 2023 Annual Town Election Ballot questions, adding that Pro arguments had been submitted for both questions.

Regarding item #1, Town Manager Sheehan confirmed that SPS Superintendent Brad Crozier and the SPS School Committee submitted a joint statement regarding the SPS Override Ballot Question No. 1 (Pro argument). He added that Fire Chief John Whalen submitted a statement regarding capital exclusion for the fire engine pumper truck Ballot Question No. 2 (Pro argument). Town Manager Sheehan acknowledged that Con arguments were not submitted, and such arguments would be presented by Town Counsel.

Chair Russo read in the words of the motion. Vice-Chair Dretler moved in the words of the Chair. Board Member Kouchakdjian seconded the motion.

It was on motion 5-0; Roberts-aye, Dretler-aye, Kouchakdjian-aye, Carty-aye, Russo-aye

VOTED: To designate the authors of the Pro and Con arguments for the March 27, 2023 Annual Town Election Ballot Questions, designating the School Superintendent and/or School Committee as the proponent for the Pro argument for the SPS ballot question, and the Fire Chief and/or his designee as the proponent for the pumper truck ballot question; having received no requests from Con authors, to designate Town Counsel to write the Con arguments for both ballot questions.

Discussion regarding 2023 Annual Town Election and Annual Town Meeting logistics, process, calendar, and other topics

Vice-Chair Dretler stated that the Warrant Articles, as presented in tonight's packet, were clear and well done.

Town Manager Sheehan confirmed that the Board would be voting and finalizing the Warrant at the next meeting on February 28, 2023.

Adjourn

Chair Russo read in the words of the motion. Board Member Kouchakdjian moved in the words of the Chair. Vice-Chair Dretler seconded the motion.

It was on motion 5-0; Dretler-aye, Kouchakdjian-aye, Roberts-aye, Carty-aye, Russo-aye

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7:16 PM.

SB Meeting 2/15/23 - Documents & Exhibits

1. Per Select Board Ballot Question Policy, discussion and vote to designate authors of Pro and Con arguments for the March 27, 2023 Annual Town Election Ballot Questions. If no arguments are received, Town Counsel shall prepare the arguments.

Attachments:

- 1.a BALLOT QUESTIONs FINAL DRAFT 2-9-23 for SB Meeting
- 1.b SPS Pro Argument SPS Ballot Question
- 1.c Pro Argument ATE Ballot Question #2
- 1.d 17606
- 1.e Ballot Question Pro Con Arguments March 2023 ATE

2. Discussion regarding 2023 Annual Town Election and Annual Town Meeting logistics, process, calendar, and other topics.

Attachments:

- 2.a WARRANT SCHEDULE MAY 2023 ATM__ATE_final